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Hello,

You are receiving this message as an update about the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) proposed Superfund site in Columbia Falls Montana. These messages will be sent out periodically and when new information is available.

Please share this information with other interested people. If you would like to receive these emails directly, please send an email to moler.robert@epa.gov. If you do not want to receive these updates, please respond to this email with "REMOVE" in the subject line of the email.

Project Leaders and Contacts: EPA is the lead agency for the site and Mike Cirian is the Remedial Project Manager. His contact information is 406.293.6194; Cirian.Mike@epa.gov. Lisa Dewitt is the Superfund Project Manager with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ). Her contact information is 406.444.6420; Lidewitt@mt.gov. Robert Moler is the EPA Community Involvement Coordinator for the CFAC site and his contact is 406.457.5032; moler.robert@epa.gov.

(For information related to the removal of hazardous waste and abatement of asbestos from above ground structures prior to demolition, contact MT DEQ's Mark Hall at 444-4096 or mahall@mt.gov. This work is separate from the work that EPA is conducting and the agencies are working closely to ensure coordination.)

Listing Status: EPA proposed adding the CFAC site to the National Priorities List on March 26, 2015 and anticipates to make a decision about whether to make the listing final this fall.

CFAC Community Liaison Panel: In May 2015, the CFAC Community Liaison Panel (CLP) was organized by CFAC to provide a forum for open discussions and exchange of ideas and opinions about the CFAC site. CLP meetings are open to the public. In May 2016, in place of its traditional meeting, a public tour of the site was organized by CFAC and was hosted by the CLP. Participants represent the community, elected officials, project consultants, state and federal agencies, and CFAC. To find more information:

<http://www.cfacproject.com/community-liaison-panel/>
<http://cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel>

Remedial Investigation: The 960 acre CFAC site is currently in Phase 1 of sampling and investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination as a result of operations from 1955 - 2009. The results of the investigation will determine cleanup needs at the site and identify potential cleanup options. The Remedial Investigation will take place over the next few years and a final report is expected by February 2020. EPA will alert the public when the results of the investigation are available for review.

Community Interviews: EPA staff will be in Columbia Fall next week, June 14 – 17, 2016 to conduct an initial round of community interviews as part of a broader effort to develop a community involvement plan (CIP). A CIP is an EPA document that identifies the strategies for public engagement that are most appropriate for CFAC stakeholders and the local community. You may be contacted to participate in an interview.

EPA is working with SKEO, a national contractor, to develop the CIP. They will be on site to be a part of the interviews and will conduct additional research for the CIP. A draft CIP will be available for review and feedback on the draft will be encouraged. We hope to have a final CIP that incorporates public feedback ready by the end of the year. To learn more about EPA Superfund Community Involvement, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-community-involvement>.

Please help: If you are interested in participating in an interview, or know people that you think would be good for EPA to talk with about community outreach associated with the CFAC site, please send an email to moler.robert@epa.gov. This is the first round of interviews. EPA expects to conduct a follow up round of interviews later in the summer or fall. EPA will continue to conduct community interviews as an important part of long-term community involvement planning, evaluation, and engagement. Any recommendations of people to contact are warmly appreciated, thank you!

Community availability: EPA staff will likely have time around interviews to meet with anyone interested in touching base in person. If you are interested in meeting with Mike Cirian or Robert Moler with the EPA next week, please contact Robert Moler at 406.594.0588.

Websites and Information Repositories: In order to provide public access to information about the CFAC site, EPA, MT DEQ, and CFAC have developed webpages to provide an overview of the site with links to relevant documents.

EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/columbia-falls>.

MT DEQ website: <http://deq.mt.gov/DEQAdmin/cfac>.

CFAC website: <http://www.cfacproject.com/>

Physical copies of documents related to the site are available for review or photocopy at two information repositories:

ImagineIF Library – Columbia Falls 130 6th Street West Columbia Falls, MT 59912 (406)892-5919	EPA Region 8 Headquarters Superfund Records Center 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1129
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To request copies of documents call:

303-312-7273 or

800-227-8917 ext. 312-7273 (toll free Region 8 only)

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